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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI WARNS AGAINST PULL- OUT OF BRITISH INVESTMENT

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DAILY NEWS MARCH 21 CHIEF  
GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR KWAZULU, CONDEMNED  
BRITISH LABOR MPS AND BRITISH ANTI- APARTHEID MOVEMENT FOR  
ADVOCATING " STERILE EXERCISE OF WITHDRAWING BRITISH CAPITAL  
FROM SOUTH AFRICA". SUCH TACTIC, HE SAID, WOULD NOT HELP  
HIS PEOPLE. POVERTY AMONG AMAZULU IS ALL CONSUMING AND EACH  
JO B, NO MATTER HOW MENIAL, CAN MEAN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE  
AND DEATH FOR A WORKER AND FAMILY.

2. DURING RECENT EUROPEAN TOUR BUTHELEZI SAID MANY SAW WITHDRAWAL  
OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT AS GOOD WAY PRECIPITATE REVOLUTION IN SA.  
HIS RESPONSE: " IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO ADVOCATE PLACING UNARMED  
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PEOPLE AT MERCY OF A PEOPLE ARMED TO THE TEETH. IT WOULD  
LEAD OUR PEOPLE TO CERTAIN SUICIDE."

3. WHILE ACCEPTING RIGHT OF BRITISH TO WITHDRAW AS MATTER OF  
CONSCIENCE, BUTHELEZI STRESSED HIGHER PRIORITY OF BRITISH FIRMS  
PAY RATE FOR JOB AND CREATE SOCIAL BENEFITS AS " MATTER OF  
COURSE, NOT OF PRIVILEGE". BRITISH FIRMS SHOULD ALSO INSIST  
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE UNIONS, IN THE PROUD BRITISH TRADITION,  
FOR ALL BLACKS. IF FIRMS MUST BE ASKED WITHDRAW, THEN EXERCISE  
MUST BE " MORE REASONABLE". " GIVE THEM TIME- TABLE TO IMPROVE  
WAGES" AND IF NOT MET ONLY " THEN ASK THEM TO WITHDRAW FROM  
S. AMZ

4. COMMENT: BUTHELEZI OBJECTION TO BRITISH LABOR PARTY AND ANTI-  
APARTHEID MOVEMENT PRESSURES FOR CAPITAL WITHDRAWAL IN LINE WITH  
HIS PUBLIC STAND IN FAVOR CONTINUED US BUSINESS INVESTMENTS,  
PROVIDED INCREASED JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND WORKER BENEFITS FOR HIS  
PEOPLE FORTHCOMING. SAME REASONING HAS PROMPTED BUTHELEZI TO  
FAVOR CONTINUATION US SUGAR QUOTA.  
HOLMES

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